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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

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Entitled: ULTRASOUND CONTRAST AGENTS AND METHODS OF MAKING AND USING THEM

and including attachments as noted below:

☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract

71 pages of specification and claims (including 26 numbered claims), and

4 sheets of accompanying drawing/s for Figures 1 - 4.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:**Application Number**

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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.☒ Certified copy(ies) filed on May 3, 1991 in prior appln. no. 07/695,343 filed May 3, 1991☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.☒ This application is a ☒ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/266,889, filed March 12, 1999, (see preliminary amendment), the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.☒ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.☒ The prior application is assigned to Bracco International B.V., Amsterdam, The Netherlands.☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.☒ Please enter the attached preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

☐ Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☐ Other:

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